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IN FOLLOWING INFORMATION, ALPHABETICAL DESIGNATIONS COINCIDE
WITH THE SUBPARAGRAPHS OF PARA 3 OF REFTTEL, WHICH ESTABLISHED
THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

A. (1) AND ESTIMATED SEVENTY PER CENT OF THE ILLICIT
COCAINE WORLD-WIDE PASSES THOROUGH COLOMBIA. PROBABLY MORE
THAN 70 PERCENT OF THE COCAINE ENTERING THE UNITED STATES
COMES FORM COLOMBIA. LITTLE COCA IS KNOWN TO BE GROWN
IN COLOMBIA, BUT THE BASIC INGREDIENT IN VARIOUS STAGES OF
REFINEMENT COMES FROM PERU AND BOLIVIA, FREQUENTLY
PASSING THROUGH ECUADOR, TO COLOMBIA FOR FINAL PROCESSING
INTO COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE AND DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD. IN ADDITION, COLOMBIA HAS PROBABLY BECOME THE MAJOR
SUPPLIER TO THE UNITED STATES OF MARIJUANA. MARIJUANA
CAN BE GROWN EASILY THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE COUNTRY,
AND PARTICULARLY LARGE CULTIVATIONS HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN THE
GUAJIRA PENINSULA AND IN THE EASTERN PLAINS. COLOMBIA'S
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GEOGRAPHICAL PROXIMITY TO THE UNITED STATES, A LONG
AND RUGGED COASTLINE ON TWO OCEANS, AND LARGE AREAS OF THE COUNTRY
SPARSELY INHABITED WITH LITTLE GOVERNMENTAL PRESENCE FACILITATE
COLOMBIA'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

(2) UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
OF COLOMBIA'S ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT WAS A MAJOR FACTOR
CONTRIBUTING TO RELATIVE INACTIVITY DURING THE PERIOD.

DRAFT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN ALL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL -- A PROPOSAL STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES -- PASSED THE SENATE BUT DID NOT RECEIVE FINAL CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE PRIOR TO CONGRESSIONAL ADJOURNMENT IN DECEMBER. THE BASIC PURPOSE OF THE FAILED LEGISLATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED JUST A FEW DAYS LATER BY A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE. THE ACTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW NARCOTICS UNIT IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WAS DELAYED PENDING THE RECEIPT OF A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN WHEN THE BUDGET WILL BECOME AVAILABLE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ON MARCH 28 SIGNED THE DECREE NAMING THE FIRST AGENTS, WHO WERE SWORN IN ON MARCH 31 AND WERE TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY. THIS IS A VERY PROMISING DEVELOPMENT, ALTHOUGH IF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS, THE FUTURE OF THE UNIT WOULD BE VERY SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED.

(3) WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE GRANTING THE NEW AUTHORITY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DAS AND CUSTOMS DROPPED OUT OF ACTIVE NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION. THE NATIONAL POLICE ARE STILL CONTINUING THEIR SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE OF HOW EXCLUSIVELY WILL BE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AUTHORITY IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD. PARTICULARLY DURING THE LATTER MONTHS OF THE PERIOD, THE NATIONAL POLICE REGISTERED A NUMBER OF SUCCESSES AS DID

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ALSO THE JOINT JUDICIAL POLICE OPERATING AT THE BOGOTA AIRPORT.

(4) DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE U.S. CONTRIBUTED HELICOPTERS MADE POSSIBLE TWO DRAMATICALLY SUCCESSFUL ASSAULTS AGAINST LARGE SCALE TRAFFICKING OPERATIONS. THE FIRST, IN EARLY OCTOBER, RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 431 KILOS OF COCAINE BASE AS WAS MENTIONED IN THE PREVIOUS SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT. THE SECOND, IN FEBRUARY, RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 165 TONS OF MARIJUANA, AN AIRCRAFT, SEVERAL VEHICLES, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS THE ARREST OF 13 PERSONS.

(5) DELIVERY OF U.S. DONATED COMMODITIES DURING THE PERIOD WAS LARGELY HELD UP PENDING RESOLUTION WITHIN THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE RESOLUTION OF LEGAL QUESTIONS BETWEEN THE USG AND GOC ON THE POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF COMMODITIES UNDER EXISTING PROAGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESULTING REORGANIZATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY.

(6) IN MARCH, DEA CONDUCTED A THREE-WEEK TRAINING COURSE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WHO WERE TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE NEW NARCOTICS UNIT. ADDITIONAL PLANS WERE MADE FOR CONTINUING AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT UNIT. ALSO DURING THE PERIOD, COMPLETE PLANS WERE

DRAWN UP FOR TWO, THREE-WEEK TRAINING COURSES FOR COLOMBIAN
CUSTOMS TO BE CONDUCTED BY A U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINING TEAM.
THE FIRST OF THESE COURSES BEGAN IN BOGOTA ON APRIL 3.

B. (1) TYPE AND QUANTITIES OF COMMODITIES

TYPE	QTY
BASE STATION	6
REPEATER STATION	1
TRANSCEIVER UHF/FM	18
NI-CAD BATTERY CHARGERS	4
ANTENNAS FOR BASE STATION AND REPEATER	7
HELIAX TRANSMISSION LINE KIT, 7/8"	100 FEET
HELIAX TRANSMISSION LINE KIT 1/2"	6 ROOL

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MOBIL CONSOLA-MOTOROLA-COM	18
NI-CAD BATTERIES RAPID CHARGE	18
MOBILE ANTENA	18
FLITEFONE 40	5
VHF/AM PORTABLE TRANSCEIVER	10
HF SINGLE BAND TRANSCEIVER	12
DESK TYPE MICROPHONE	12
DUAL DIPOLE ANTENA	24
A LOT OF SPARE PARTS FOR ITEM 13 ABOVE LOT	
CR 3/4 27 U CRYSTALS	38
TELEPRINTER	7
DATA PRIVACY SYSTEM	8
AIRCRAFT HOMING SYSTEM	1
SERVICE MONITOR	1
FREQUENCY COUNTER	3
FILTERED DC POWER SUPPLY	5
DESOLDERING TOOL	5
IC EXTRACTORS	5

DESOLDERING IRON FOR PC BOARD 5
 MODEL
 TRANSISTOR/FET TESTER 5
 SIGNAL GENERATOR 4
 SOLDERING STATION 5
 SOLDERING IRON AND TIP 5
 SOLDERING IRON, CORDLESS 5
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MAINTENANCE MANUALS 20
 SPARE SQUELCH 26

(2) INC FUNDED TRAINING
 TYPE NO. LOCATION
 US CUSTOMS 3 WASHINGTON D.C.
 DEA 5 WASHINGTON D.C.
 DEA 30 BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

(3) U.S. INC PERSONNEL
 TYPE NO.
 NARCOTICS ADVISOR--DH 2
 SECRETARY--DH 1
 AVIATION ADVISOR-CONTRACTOR 1
 COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN-CONTRACTOR 1

C. FINANCIAL DATA
 NET OBLIG. ACCRUED EXP.
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514-0175-901-900
 NATIONAL POLICE
 U.S. PERSONNEL 63 58
 TCN AND LOCAL PERSONNEL 11 11
 COMMODITIES (82) 4
 PARTICIPANT TRAINING - -
 OTHER COSTS (23) 1

514-0218-901-900
 NCDD (MEDIA ADVISOR)
 U.S. PERSONNEL (CONTR.) 4
 COMMODITIES (1)
 OTHER COSTS (8)

514-0219-901-900
 SELF-HELP FUND
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514-0220-901-900
 DAS 3

COMMODITIES (23) (2)
OTHER COSTS (27)
514-0221-901-900
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COMMODITIES 3
514-0222-901-900
CUSTOMS

COMMODITIES (10) 37
OTHER COSTS (5)
514-0224-901-900
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON
DANGEROUS DRUGS
U.S. PERSONNEL CONTRACT 25 53
TCN AND LOCAL PERS-CONTRACT 350
COMMODITIES (25) 112
OTHER COSTS 1

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